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FIXING MEMBER FOR FIXING AN OBJECT TO BE ATTACHED TO A PLATE AND CLAMP WITH

THE FIXING MEMBER

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the official action mailed April 20, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

## In the Claims:

Please amend claims 13, 16, 20,24, 25 and 32 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.